

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, September 1, 1726.

From the Flying Post, Aug. 23.

From on board his Majesty's Ship the *Torbay* in the Bay of Revel, July 7. The Preston having been cruising for Intelligence, gives the following Account.

July 11. **T**H E Preston spoke with the Ship *Emperor and Catharine of Amsterdam*, two Days from Petersburg, who gave the following Account.

That there were 15 Men of War, two Bomb-vessels, two Flags, and a Commodore, at Cronslot, and 2 Fregats cruising off Hogland. About 3 Weeks ago they talked much about coming to Revel. The Czarina is still at Petersburg, and no Talk of her leaving that Place. At Cronslot and Petersburg are many Soldiers, and all over the Country; but he knows not how many, nor hears of any Troops marching or to be transported.

The 12th, spoke with the *Speedwell*, an English Ship, two Days from Petersburg: The Master says, that the Czarina's Fleet of 18 Sail, lay ready, and done so these seven Weeks, but believes they will go no farther than Cronslot; 14 Days since, they were filling their Gallies in a great Hurry, but since that they are all stopt, and all Things seem peaceable and Quiet, and no Talk of coming to Revel. A Passenger on board said, That all the English Merchants are very well received, and every Body very easy; and that the Russians are very much afraid of the English Fleet; That they have mounted 100 Guns or more about Cronslot; and that a Man belonging to one of the Guard-ships told him, that two Men are kept at each Top-mast head of their Ships, and two Centiaels are placed over the Cables with broad Axes in their Hands, to cut them upon their first Approach of our Fleet: And two of their 80 Gun Ships are repairing, but are so bad that they will not bear heaving down; but the Prahms are moor'd Head and Stern, ready to receive any Body coming in. A Fournight ago there was a great Lightning at Cronslot, which chivvered the Rear-Admiral of the Blue's Mast from the Fore Top gallon Mast down to the Splt of the Fore-mast, killed 5 Men, and wounded 30 more; so that she was hawld into the Harbour.

July 12. The Master of the *Pheasant of London*, in 3 Days from Petersburg, adds, That he believes there are 200 Galleys at Petersburg and Cronslot; but that the Talk was, that they are so fearful of the English Fleet, that they have laid Cables at the Mouth of the Haven, with Capstones on each Side, to heave taught in the Nature of a Bomb.

Hamburg, Aug. 20. According to Advices from Stockholm, Count de Gallowin the Russian Minister has presented a new Memorial to the Court, wherein he desired them, *Not to be so hasty in acceding to the Treaty of Hanover*. But the King and the Senate are firmly resolved not to put off any longer the said Accession; tho' the Declaration thereof will not be made before the Opening of the Diet of the States of the Kingdom, when the same will be laid before them.

Hague, Aug. 30. According to all our Advices from the North, the English and Danish Squadrons continued at Anchor off Revel, without making the least Shew of returning to the Sound, tho' the Baltic Sea has begun to swell its Waves. On the contrary, they still keep a watchful Eye upon the Motions of the Czarina's Fleet; which having some Regiments on board, and being ordered to be joind by the Galleys, that are crowded with Troops, it seems to favour the Notion of some notable Enterprise in View; at the same Time that the advanc'd Season of the Year might, one would think, secure her Neighbours against it. Cabinet Councils were daily held at Court since the Return of Pr. Menzicoff from Riga and Revel; but every Thing was transacted with such Secrecy, that there is no penetrating into any of their Designs. Private Letters from Lisbon assure us, That there is now no Danger of that Court's acceding to the Treaty of Vienna, seeing they can reap no Advantage by it: And besides, they have a Quarrel with the Allies of Hanover. They tell us at the same Time, That the Declaration of the double Marriage depends a great Measure upon the said Accession. The King of Spain declining to give his Consent without that Preliminary; and this is the Reason of the Count d'Abra-



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d' Abrantes's deferring from Time to Time his Embassy to the Court of Madrid.

From Mist's Weekly Journal, Aug. 13.

Mr. M I S T,

WHEN an Author writes on any Subject, is it not necessary, as well as incumbent on a Man, to express nothing but what is Truth, consistent with his own Opinion, and what may tend to the Glory, at least not derogate from the Honour of GOD? It may be thought, perhaps, that no Person can be guilty of this Crime that is in his right Senses: It is the Crime which the late pious and learned Dr. Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury, imagines to be the sin against the Holy Ghost. Should therefore the Hopes of any Gain in this World, excite us to commit that which will drown us in eternal Perdition? Should the vain Shew of Affection to a deceased Brother Mortal be the Cause of this Folly? No, it ought not; but yet we see it is, which too manifestly appears in some Lines lately inserted in a Evening Paper, where, after having extoll'd the Subject of it to the highest Pitch of mortal Honour, the Author presumes to say, *He's gone to the happy Regions of Bliss, where he is forming Ranks and Files in the Armies of Jesus, and leading Angels about the Celestial Firmament.* Is that Poet a Christian who writes thus? No, sure, such Expressions proceed from an Atheist, or a distracted Brain; for a Man in his right Capacity, and one that acknowledges a Deity, cannot think according to those Words, and lame must be the Subject to want Encomiums stuff'd with such blasphemous Notions. What? cannot the Almighty rule and govern his Armies without such a Quarter-Master General? Is he grown Ignorant, that he must call on part of his own Workmanship to lend him a Hand? Are the Battalions of the everliving God o'er-run with Disorder as to want a Serjeant? Are his Angels destitute of a Leader, that they must accept of vile Dust and Ashes to be their Captain? Where is Michael that Arch-angel, who headed whole Camps of Angels, and fought and conquered Devils, that he shall resign his Commission? How long is it since Man exceeded Angels, that he should dare to be their Leader. David, in his Days says, Man was made a little lower than the Angels, &c. but never seems to think, much less to say, that Man was become their General. For shame, let such Heathen Nations be banished from a Christian Nation; let perpetual Darkness o'er-shadow such Decorations (if such they be) of deceased Hero's, and let him re-

turn from such an Opinion that ever harboured it within his Heart. If it is his own engendering, let it die in the Chrysoms, lest it should spread the Infection farther; and if the Offspring of another, let him recant, to deter others from the same Guilt: Far be it from the Minds of all who call themselves Christians, it being a Shoot from the Branch of Idolatry and Heathenism.

'Tis certain Man may be Great, Prosperous, and Good, in his Vocation, but can never merit such Applause, and much less be thought to possess such hypocondriachal fancy'd Posse.

I am sensible how unfit my Talent is to argue on this Affair; yet as I proposed manfully to fight under CHRIST's Banner, I thought it my Duty to lay Hand to the Shield and Buckler, and stand against those who would subvert the Government whereinto I am enlisted: And I hope you will join in the same Squadron, and lend your Assistance by inserting this in your next Journal.

I am, &c.

THEOL.

From the Whitehall Evening Post, Aug. 25.

Leghorn, Aug. 10. We have Advice by a French Ship just come from Smyrna, that a Ship from Alexandria has brought the Plague thither, and continues to make great Havock at Cairo. A French Tartan lately arrived here from Tripoly, the Master whereof reports, That a Capigi Bashaw was come thither from Constantinople, with the Treaty of Peace concluded between the Emperor of the Romans and the Regency of Tunis.

Copenhagen, Aug. 20. The English Man of War called the Elizabeth, of 70 Guns, which put in here to repair some Damage she suffer'd by striking on a Rock near Landshoor, was ready to go and join the Fleet, which continues before Revel.

London, Aug. 25. On the 16th and 17th Inst. were imported from Dublin, 405,470 Yards of Irish Linen.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, Aug. 25.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

THE Advices from the North are such as give very little Foundation to hope, that an Accommodation will be brought about this Year with the Court of Russia, who are inviolable in their Resolutions of recovering the Dominions belonging to the D. of Holstein, and wait only an Opportunity to put their Designs in Execution. But we are told Admiral Wager has declared, that he will not quit his

his Post, nor the Coast of Revel, till the Empress parts, the one, the Stern of a First-rate Man of Russia solemnly promises that she will under-take nothing with her Fleet, which may in any other, the Body of a Man of War, and these Words, Manner be prejudicial to the Interest of the King *Securitas publica*.
his Master or his Allies. How far such a Promise may be depended upon, especially if a favourable Juncture happens for prosecuting her Designs, we shall not dispute; nor on the other hand, how long the British Squadron will be able to continue on these Coasts.

As an Accommodation between us and the Spaniards is a Matter of the highest importance, People here are very glad to see any Thing that tends that Way. The Letters this Post from Madrid, dated the 13th Inst. talk of a certain Report that had been raised, with Respect to Admiral Hosier's Expedition; for they not only tell us, that the Fair at Porto Bello, has turned to a very good Account to the Sharers of the Galleons, but also that they were, pursuant to an Order published there, to set out as on the 9th of July last, that they may arrive in November next. Mean Time it is given out by the Emmissaries of Vienna, That the Offers made to the King of Sardinia, to engage him to accede to the Treaty of Hanover, tend among other Things to secure to that Prince the Succession to the Crown of Spain, pursuant to what has been stipulated on that Subject in the Treaty of Utrecht. 'Tis pretended likewise, that the Emperor's Minister at Madrid, has a very great Influence over the Councils there, and that the late D. of Ormond was to make a Tour to Gallicia.

On Thursday last died Sir Samuel Ongley, at his Seat in Bedfordshire, in the 80th Year of his Age. He has left considerable Legacies to the Hospitals in London, and the Bulk of his Estate, which is said to be worth 12,000 L. per Annum, to his Nephew Samuel Ongley Esq; of St. John's College, Oxford.

The Paintings in the Hall of the Royal Hospital at Greenwich, contain, besides what we mentioned in our last, the Pictures of the Q. of Prussia, the Princess Sophia, the Two Turks taken by the King during the Siege of Buda, also the young Turk lying on the Steps of the Throne, and Sir James Thornhill at some Distance. Over the Royal Family is this Device, *We have now a new Progeny from Heaven*. On the Part which represents K. William's Family are these Words, *Anglorum spes magna*. Another Part represents his present Majesty's Landing at Greenwich: And there are two other Com-

The Rev. Mr. Snell is made Prebendary of Worcester, in room of Mr. Woodrof, who is made Prebendary of Winchester.

The D. of Argile, who arrived this Week from Scotland, is nominated for some great Post, for which he will in a few Days kiss his Majesty's Hand. His Grace is appointed Colonel of the Pr. of Wales's own Royal Regiment of Horse, lately commanded by the Lord Londonderry; who is to have General Wills's Regiment of Foot. And the D. of Bolton, as we formerly mentioned, is made Governor of the Isle of Wight.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 27.

Petersburg, Aug. 10. The Gaileys which are still at Cronstadt have received Orders to sail to Revel. The English Merchants settled in this City have in a Body waited upon the Empress, to give Thanks for the Protection she is pleased to continue to them notwithstanding the Misunderstanding between her Imperial Majesty and the K. of G. Britain.

Amsterdam, Sept. 3. The Troops that were encamped near Riga, have received Orders to provide Forrage for themselves till the Beginning of October; and that some Regiments of these Troops were already entered into Courland.

Vienna, Aug. 11. The Imperial Court has been informed of the Accession of the States General to the Hanover Treaty, and of their Resolution to augment their Troops to 50,000 Men, and to fit out 30 Men of War. The British Minister at this Court has made Representations against the Edict published in Sicily, by which the Importation of English Manufactures is prohibited.

S. S. Stock, 105. Annuities, 100. York Buildings, 12, 14th.

From the London Gazette, Aug. 27.

Madrid, Aug. 19. Since the 15th several Expresses have arrived at St. Ildefonso from St. Andero and other Ports in Biscay, with Account of the Arrival of the English Squadron, which had anchored before St. Andero, and some Ships of that Squadron had been in the Port of Santone, and taken in Water and other Refreshments. The People in those Parts were under so great Apprehensions, that they retired several Leagues up into the Country; and the

the Militia and Troops are posting themselves in several Places along the Coast. Letters from Cadix of the 13th Inst. advise, that the Garrison there is put into the strongest Posture of Defence; and that the Militia of the Province was marched from Xeres to Port St. Mary, and were employed in making additional Works there.

Madrid, Aug. 13. The late Duke of Ormond is stole out of Town, with a Design, as is said, to make a Tour to Gallicia.

Vittoria, Aug. 13. Just now we hear, that the English-Squadron commanded by Admiral Jennings was seen Yesterday off St. Andero, which has been very alarming to the Coasts of Bi scay, the rather because the Admiral's Orders are a Secret to all the World: And besides, the Spanish-Ships which are to carry the Troops to the West Indies are still in the Road of St. Andero.

From the St. James's Evening Post, Aug. 27.

Bayonne, Aug. 18. On the 16th a Ship returned hither from Lisbon, the Captain whereof reported, That Admiral Jennings approaching with his Squadron to St. Andero, consisting of ten Men of War, a Fireship and other two Vessels, on pretence of taking in some Refreshments; the Officer who commanded there for the King of Spain, acquainted him that he might send him an Account of what Provisions he wanted; but that it was not proper for him to come so near the Town: whereupon the said Admiral put into the Road of Xantona, where there was a Garrison of 3500 regular Troops: And the said Captain reports, That on the 14th, when he sailed from Bilboa, he heard great Firing of Cannon; but as this is only Ship News, it deserves a further Confirmation.

From Miss's Weekly Journal, Aug. 27.

London, Aug. 27. We hear the Parliament will be called to meet in a little Time, when it will soon be seen whether there will be Peace or War in Europe.

Tuesday a Messenger was dispatched with Orders to the English Admiral in the Baltick.

EDINBURGH: Printed for Mr. William Rolland, by Mr. Thomas Ruddiman. Sold at the Printing-house in Moroc's Clos in the Lawn-market; where Advertisements and Subscriptions are taken in, as also at the Shop of Mr. Alexander Symmer, Bookseller in the Parliament-Clos.

About 30 Vintners are resolved to stand Trial with the Commissioners, on their being taxed for their Oat Ale,

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S.

[¶] Whereas one who calls himself *Colin Falconer Merchant in Elgin*, has taken an undue Freedom with Mr. George Urquhart Merchant in Cromerty, by forging his Subscription to the Acceptance of Bills both Inland and Foreign: These are therefore to Advertise all and sundry, That the said Mr. George Urquhart never had any Dealings with any Person of that Name and Designation; and that none do meddle with Bills of the Draught and Indorsement of the said *Colin Falconer*, as Accepted or Drawn by the said Mr. George Urquhart, but at their Peril.

[¶] That there is a very sufficient good House, in the Town of Carnwath, to be set in Tack, or Feued to any Person, willing to agree for the same, who may also have an Acre of Ground for a Garden; the House stands in the Midst of the Town, very convenient for a Change, being 3 Stories high, and 3 Rooms off a Floor, with very good Stables and Cellars. Whoever will commune for the same, may call for Mr. James Ogston at Wolfston, or Gideon Lockheart Writer in Carnwath, and they shall meet with all Manner of Encouragement.

Just Published,

Dr. THOMAS SIMSON (Chandos Professor of Medicine at St. Andrew's) his Book; containing Four Dissertations: Wherein, amongst many other Observations on the Theory and Practice of Medicine, the Author undertakes to prove, 1. That few Diseases proceed from viciated Humors. 2. That no Disease is to be cured by the Correction of the Humors. 3. That the Effects of the Cold upon the human Body, are owing to the Disproportion it causes amongst the Vessels of the Body; where Dr. KEIL's Problems on this Head are fully demonstrated, without any Regard either to the insensible Perspiration, (which the Doctor justly rejected) or yet to any Malignity of the Humours, which he suspected as the Cause. To be sold by John Paton Bookseller in the Parliament-Clos. Price 3 sh. N. B. The above Dr. Simson is to begin his Lectures on Boerhave's Aphorisms and Institutions at St. Andrew's, the 10th of November next.